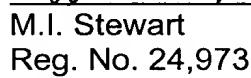


As stated earlier in the prosecution, it is submitted that the claims are clear in scope and that it is clear that the composition is intended only to protect against pertussis (whooping cough). However, for greater certainty and with a view to obviating the rejection, claim 27 has been amended to specify the disease caused by infection by *B. pertussis*, namely whooping cough. In addition, it has been further clarified that all the components are in purified form.

Having regard to the proposed revisions to claim 27, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 27 to 39 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

Entry of this Amendment after Final Action is requested in that the issues for appeal are reduced thereby, namely the rejection of claims 27 to 39 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is obviated thereby.

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